

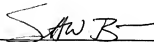
## REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the current application. In the Restriction/Election Requirement dated July 13, 2007, the Examiner asserted that the pending claims include two distinct inventions. The Examiner defined the first invention as claims 1-13 and defined the second invention as claims 14-16.

Applicant elects claims 1-13 and have withdrawn claims 14-16. However, since the Examiner has already issued an Office Action with respect to claims 1-16 (See Office Action dated Jan. 25, 2007), Applicant respectfully submits that it would not be a serious burden on the Examiner to examine claims 1-16. Accordingly, Applicant request that the requirement to elect claims 1-13 or claims 14-16 be withdrawn and that the Examiner examine claims 1-16.

Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition of allowance. If there are any questions concerning this Amendment, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

Respectfully submitted,



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